

IMPORTANT LAND BILL INTRODUCED

A radical new land bill made its appearance in the Senate this morning, being the bill referred to in The Star Saturday. It is designed to place all the leased public lands, which include much plantation land, in the hands of a new commission, to increase rentals and to devote the money to schools, health matters and the College of Hawaii.

While in accord with the spirit of the Senate joint resolution seeking to give the benefit of certain government land to the College of Hawaii, that the latter might derive revenue therefrom, the ways and means committee of the upper house, Senator Fairchild, chairman, reported this morning with a substitute and broader resolution, saying:

"Your committee is of the opinion that it is unfair while all are suffering (for lack of funds) to single out any one institution of education or health for relief. Not only questions of policy and revenue are involved, but also the feasibility of the scheme. The resolution was introduced at the request of the regents of the College of Hawaii to provide an independent source of certain revenue rather than to be forced to rely upon uncertain and inadequate appropriations which heretofore the legislature has with reluctance provided.

"Demands for appropriations amount to nearly three times the estimated revenues for the next biennial period. The regents suggest a scheme which they claim obtains in the States, for endowing their college with the revenue from a tract of public land, recommending the transfer of the lands of Waialua but are willing to have other lands so long as the object of the act is attained.

No Collusion.
"While the resolution was regarded with suspicion as an agreement between the regents and the Lihue Plantation Co., looking to the relief of one or the other institutions, we found that the Lihue company knew nothing of the matter. The lands desired are never lease to the Lihue plantation for six more years and the plantation is not willing to surrender them.

Seeking Funds.
"Your committee have sought to find means for raising funds not only for the College of Hawaii but for the alleged underpaid teachers of our schools, the \$800,000 required for school houses, as well as other large sums necessary to reclaiming disease breeding lands, and for Molokai, etc."
"The so-called 'vested interests' through the leading financial organizations here have gone upon record as being opposed to any increase in the taxes at this time. Your committee, believing that Hawaii should be sufficient unto itself to take care of its children and sick without asking financial aid of Congress, has, upon investigation, found that there are about 40,000 acres of developed agricultural lands with water belonging to the Ter-

ritory, which lands are under lease to corporations and in many instances very low rentals. Upon the expiration of these leases, should the lands and water be withdrawn from the restrictions or obligations of the Organic Act and placed in the hands of a board, of say five members, the chairman of which should be the governor, we have ample evidence to warrant the prophesy that these lands and water would bring into the Territory in rents and taxes at least \$400,000 a year, which revenue should be available only for appropriations in the interests of education and health. Some may oppose this idea on the ground that the withdrawal of the developed agricultural lands from the provisions of the Organic Act for homesteaders would interfere with homesteading.

Other Lands for Settlers.
"Your committee is assured that as much and more undeveloped land and water is available for such purpose, to which they recommend homesteaders be given free access, if deemed advisable, but it does not seem fair to the inhabitants of the Territory that developed lands and water, capable of producing such a large yearly revenue, being equivalent to five per cent on \$8,000,000 should be practically given away to a small percentage of the inhabitants of the Territory, or to immigrants to arrive, when the needs in the way of education and

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TO KEEP OUT ORIENTAL ILLS

Dr. Martin R. Edwards, one of the world's best known bacteriologists, arrives here tomorrow in the S. S. Wilhelmina, and will doubtless be given an enthusiastic welcome by health authorities and other officials. He is executive officer of an important medical school established in Shanghai by Harvard University, of which school Ex-President Eliot of Harvard is the president.

This school is for the study of the cure and prevention of Oriental diseases, with a view to the prevention of their introduction to America. A complete hospital will be operated in connection with the institution of research.

Dr. Edwards will stop over here to interest Hawaii in the great work, Hawaii being vitally concerned in the prevention of the introduction of Oriental diseases. The states of California, Oregon and Washington have already appropriated to help support the Shanghai establishment.

GUESSES ON TRACK MEET

The triangular field and track meet at Alexander Field Saturday certainly had the sporting fans guessing. The Star predicted on Thursday that Punahou would win out by five points from the College of Hawaii, with Kamehameha third, giving the points as Punahou 43, College of Hawaii 38, Kamehameha 23. The Bulletin scribbles also favored Punahou, giving the points as Punahou 48, College of Hawaii 24, and Kamehameha 19, but in three events he refrained from placing a third. Then to cap all, the Advertiser published a table from the Kamehameha journal, tipping Kamehameha first, with 37, College of Hawaii second with 36, and Punahou third with 31.

HOW TO PREVENT CHOLERA.
Cholera often starts with a diarrhoea. Take Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as this diarrhoea appears, and after three doses have been taken take a dose of castor oil and the attack of cholera may be warded off.

QUEEN EMMA PLACE FOR A PUBLIC PARK

Representative Towse this morning presented a petition with 176 signatures, from residents and taxpayers of Honolulu, to set aside the former Queen Emma property as a public park. In argument the petition sets forth:

"The residents of this section (upper Nuuanu Valley) number about 350 families, and for the lack of a proper playground the children are left to play on the street or hang around the Chinese stores in that neighborhood. With the advent of the extension of the Rapid Transit line the throwing open of the property in question would be a lasting benefit not only to the residents of that section but to the community in general."

To Aid The Lepers.
Resolutions came into the House as aftermath of the visit to Molokai as follows:

By Hale, to increase the ration allowance to lepers from \$10 a year to \$20 and to add 70 cents' worth of groceries to the palm or poi ration.

By Cockett, to appropriate \$10,000 for the purpose of assisting those who, at the leper settlement at Kalanipapa and Kalawao, have built their own homes.

By Kanekoa, to appropriate \$5000

WATERFRONT GUNS TESTED; DIAMOND HEAD WEDNESDAY

This morning Captain Platt, who arrived here on the transport Logan on Tuesday last, tested the two three inch guns at Fort Armstrong, near the naval station. Out of one gun five shots were fired, and two from the other. Both of them were found to be satisfactory.

There were also present at the test: Major Timberlake, Captain Wilbur, District Ordnance officer, Captain Johnstone, Lieutenant Turner, Lieutenant Vaughan and Lieutenant Price.

Projectiles were used, as without the actual conditions are conformed to, thorough tests cannot be made. The projectile weighs fifteen pounds, and each time a shell is fired, there is a deafening roar, and a great rush of wind is felt by those standing in the vicinity of the gun.

One of the officers directed the Star representative to look just a little to the right of the battery, and he would see the splash. This information was imparted while the missile was on its long journey. There was a perceptible wait, and then the shell fell with a double splash, for it had ricocheted, into the water in the spot indicated. The next fell away out on the horizon, and only trained eyes of the military men could see the evidences of its fall in the water.

When the tests had been made, Captain Wilbur recalled, how frequently pelicans had been killed while on wing through their carelessly getting in the way of a shell from a three inch gun.

The mortars at Fort Ruger, Diamond Head, will be tested on Wednesday.

THINKS CAN ELECTROCUTE ALL BUGS

Engineer Reiths of the public works department has invented an electric contrivance whereby he expects to rid canefields and other agricultural areas of all devastating insects.

He is applying for patents on a little marvel which, when placed in canefields, for example, will lure by its steady and tempting glow all herbivorous bugs and flying pests, whereupon, while fascinated with the light, they will be neatly and quickly electrocuted.

These machines may be placed, at reasonable rates, in many parts of the fields, or transferred as occasion demands, being supplied with electric death by portable wires laid along the ground.

The presence of the electric current, it is claimed, will aid rather than retard the growth of the cane or other desirable product of vegetation.

For insects not particularly attracted by light, and whose death is also desired, there may be developed some scheme to electrify such bait as they may have a tendency to seek and devour.

WILHELMINA HERE MIDNIGHT TO INCREASE LEPER RATIONS

Castle & Cooke, agents for the Matson steamer Wilhelmina have received a wireless message from Captain Johnson, in which he stated that there were on board sixty-two cabin and four steerage passengers. She has 1,776 tons of cargo, two automobiles and 328 sacks of mail for Honolulu and 919 tons of cargo for Hilo. Captain Johnson reported all well, and stated he would be off port at eleven o'clock tonight, and alongside the Matson dock at twelve midnight. The Wilhelmina was due early tomorrow morning, but for some reason Captain Johnson is getting in earlier than expected.

BILL TO KEEP POI SANITARY

Senator Makekau introduced in the upper House today a bill to provide for the issuance of licenses for the manufacture, compounding and preparation of certain food products.

No license shall be issued by the treasurer of the county without a board of health certificate first being obtained.

Shops must be kept sanitary. Board of health agents may at all times have access to all shops or factories. This bill is intended to reform the filthy conditions now existing in most of the poi shops of this city.

Fine Job Printing at Star Office.

GAVE BEATING TO BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

NEW YORK, March 20.—Booker Washington is in a hospital suffering from the effects of a beating by a man who claims to have caught him peering through the keyhole of a flat. Washington declares that he was looking at nameplates in a search for a friend.

RUSSIAN CABINET RESIGNS.
ST. PETERSBURG, March 20.—The Stolypn cabinet has resigned. Korotseff, Minister of Finance, has been asked to form a new one.

A REPORTED ASSASSINATION.
ST. PETERSBURG, March 20.—There is an unconfirmed report that Korotseff, Russian Minister to China has been murdered at Peking.

CHINA SATISFIES RUSSIA.
ST. PETERSBURG, March 20.—China's reply to the Russian ultimatum, is satisfactory with minor modifications.

NEW PANAMA JUDGE.
WASHINGTON, March 20.—W. W. Warwick of Ohio has been appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of the Canal Zone.

FIRING NEAR SAN DIEGO.
SAN DIEGO, March 20.—Heavy firing heard in the direction of Tecate indicates a general engagement there.

CABRAL BEFORE HERMOSILLO.
NOGALES, March 20.—General Cabral, at the head of 700 insurgents, has demanded the surrender of Hermosillo.

MORNING CABLE REPORT.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—It is reported that to secure peace, President Diaz will retire and Jose Limantour become provisional executive to hold office until a national election can be held. President Taft will confer with the American ambassador this morning and it is expected that the mobilized army will soon return to its garrisons.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Guastave Madero, brother of the insurgent leader and the American representative of the insurgents, stated last night that if Limantour should assume the provisional presidency of Mexico, with President Diaz retiring, the effect would be the settlement of the revolution.

EL PASO, March 20.—This city is full of strangers who have fled from the disturbed districts of northern Mexico.

PEKING, March 20.—China has conceded every point of Russia's demands.

KAUAI'S NEWSPAPER BURNED OUT

(Wireless to the Star.)
LIHUE, Kauai, March 20.—The Garden Island printing plant is a total loss by a fire which occurred at one o'clock this morning. The loss is \$5,000; no insurance.

EDITOR SMITH HURT BY A HEAVY FALL.
While hurrying downstairs to The Star composing room shortly after 10 o'clock this afternoon Editor Walter G. Smith slipped on the stairway. He fell seven stairs and struck on his head on the cement floor. He suffered a slight scalp laceration, but the blow was a very heavy one. Doctor Walters was summoned and gave medical attention. Mr. Smith went to his home, where he is resting as easily as could be expected after the shock.

The Honolulu Construction and Draying Company has been awarded the contract for removing the heavy machinery from the S. S. Mexico to the Honolulu Rapid Transit Company building on Alapai street. Some of the pieces weigh more than twenty tons.

Fine Job Printing, Star Office.

A mistrial took place this morning in the case of John Kepaa, a native youth of eighteen charged with burglary in the second degree. Judge Cooper set his next trial for Thursday morning. L. M. Straus defends him.

The old reliable Union Barber Shop, with the improvements in the last week, is inviting to old and new patrons. Four first-class artists. M. Vieira, prop.

There will be many attractive new goods displayed at Sachs' beginning with Monday. Be sure to call at the Big Store and look these goods over.

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